

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 35 and 37 are pending in the application, with claims 35 and 37 being the independent claims. Claims 34 and 36 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 34 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trimble (USPN 6,332,393) in view of Wanschura (USPN 6,361,282). These claims have been canceled, rendering their rejection moot.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 34-37 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,736,605 ('605) and claims 5-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,487,856 ('856) in view of Matsufuji (USPN 6,487,856).

Claims 34 and 36 have been canceled, rendering their rejection moot. Claim 35 has been rewritten to be in independent form to include all the limitations of canceled base claim 34. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith to obviate the double patenting

rejection of the remaining claims 35 and 37. Applicants therefore respectfully request
the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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